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Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Balis, teachers at the Ontario School for the Deaf at Belleville, Canada, were in San Francisco for a few days lately. They had been in Staunton, Virginia, St. Louis and Los Angeles, and were on their way home by a northern route. They had the pleasure of meeting a large number of the local deaf at the Sphinx Club's rooms.

Ben Keesing, who was badly injured several months ago, when an auto struck his motorcycle, is able to be around with the aid of a crutch. He has spent a couple of weeks at Adams' Springs and is now visiting in Stockton.

Messrs. Carrol Land, Detrich Kaiser, ters and Melvin Davidson have returned from an outing spent in a wild part of Napa county. They shot a buck and had a fine time.

James O'Rourke, the well known deaf plasterer of San Mateo, returned home from Colusa county, where he had been working for the past few months. We are sorry he is suffering from rheumatism, but hope he will soon be well again.

What difference does the war make to indomitable San Francisco, the city that simply snapped her fingers in Fate's face after the great disaster in 1906? The exposition opens on February 20, 1915, as originally announced. Some of the neutral nations have applied for more space. It had been rumored Italy had abandoned her plan to take part, but she has officially notified the exposition officials she will participate. Japan, though now involved in the war, has asked for more space. Great Britain, Germany and Russia had declined to exhibit officially before the war broke out.

One of the walls at the writer's home was bursted in lately. No, it was not bombarded. It was simply this: Alterations and improvements were being made, so you see, gentle reader, why there was no letter from San Francisco in last issue of The Observer. The writer was, however, surprised to see Miss Wildey Mitchell's letter, so he felt that she had saved the day for California. Thanks!

Mrs. Lillie Harlan and daughter, of Fresno, have been visiting San Fran-

cisco and the transbay cities.

Mrs. J. E. Willits, of Grimes, Colusa county, after spending a few months on a visit to San Francisco and vicinity, returned home lately.

The rice crop of California this year is estimated at 700,000 sacks. This industry is only in its infancy in the Golden state.

Miss Dorothy Dean, daughter of Mr. W. E. Dean of Los Angeles, has returned home after a month's visit in San Francisco and Oakland suburbs.

Miss Charlotte Tilley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Tilley, of Belvedere, has gone to Decatur, Ill., to resume her studies.

The local N. A. D. army, under Gen. Williams, is crushing its way to Successville. The pessimist army has taken to the tall timber. The local N. A. D. fund now amounts to (censored). Well, never mind what the amount is, but be sure one and all to be ready to have your grip packed for San Francisco in July, 1915, and have the time of your life.

The Women's Club of Burlingame held a street carnival just around the corner from Mr. and Mrs. Luddy's residence on September 5. Mr. Connelly, one of our men of wit, said it was in honor of his birthday.

Mr. and Mrs. Balis think the Sphinx Club rooms in San Francisco are the swellest in the U. S. among the different deaf clubs.

Denmark raised her flag on her exposition site on September 5 and will have a fine building.

The Cuban building will be of Spanish renaissance architecture and will be built on the lines of the beautiful Spanish American hacienda residences.

The California building, which is to be the host building for the exposition, is about half done. It will be the second largest building on the grounds.

"Unshaken by the fear of the results of the war, Alabama will spend between \$100,000 and \$200,000 on a pavilion and exhibits," says her fair commissioner.

Missouri and Mississippi will soon start to construct their exposition buildings.

Portland Correspondence.

Mrs. George Young has been in Long Beach, Wash., for a month.

Mr. Andy Curl, of Lebanon, Ore.,

and a graduate of the Oregon school, was in Portland last week to look after some work but could not find a place, so he went home.

Mr. and Mrs. Bud Hastings are very proud of the little girl that came to their home September 2. They now have two children.

Miss Katie Baker, of Canby, Ore., was in Portland to visit her friends last week and returned home.

Mr. O. H. Fay has sold his residence in University Park two weeks ago.

We will have the last picnic at Mt. Tabor Park on Sunday, September 6. Everybody is welcome. Ice cream will be given by the Frats.

Mr. Birdie Craven returned to the Oregon school in Salem, Ore., last week. He had been in Portland three weeks.

Mr. Chas. Lynch went to Salem, Ore., to visit his folks a week. He is now boarding at Mr. and Mrs. John O. Reichle.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Fisher have moved to Salem, Ore., two weeks ago, where Mr. Fisher works.

The deaf of Portland are very anxious to see Mr. P. L. Axling, as he is coming here. He may stay here.

Joseph Jorg walked from Forest Grove, Ore., to Tillamook, Ore., in two days of 80 miles, and came home by riding on the train, two weeks ago.

Messrs. W. W. Redman, Bridie Craven, Chas. Lynch, Tony Kautz and Tony's brother, Willie Kautz, took a ride in Tony's father's auto to Tillamook, Ore., three weeks ago. An enjoyable riding time in both trips.

Mr. Harland T. Bishop, of Othello, Wash., was in Portland on business for a few days. He will come here often during the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Laurence and Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Spieler are picking the hops near Independence, Ore. Also Mr. and Mrs. Colin Eaton and Mr. Mike Schaltacher are in the hop field near St. Paul, Ore.

Flowers and congratulations are being sent to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Emery Vison upon the arrival of a baby girl August 18.

Miss Anna Schutz went to Spokane, Wash., to visit her relatives a few days and returned home. She is now working in the dressmaker shop.

Mr. Seth W. Ladd, of Seattle, was in Portland a few days. He will leave here for Baker City, Ore., next week.

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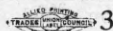
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THEIR FIGHTING BLOOD UP.

It is reported from Nebraska that during the convention of the Nebraska State Association of the Deaf the oral law, which demands that all the deaf of Nebraska be educated by the pure oral method, came up for very careful attention, and an organization perfected for waging a persistent fight against this unjust law. Men are now at the head of the association who are not subservient to the dictation of the school authorities, and they are pledged to put forth their best efforts to restore to the deaf children of that state their rights—the right to have the combined method as their means of securing a good, broad education. The state association has been strengthened and placed where it will be able to work with great effect, and it is expected to win the end, being assisted in a way by the leading deaf of the entire country.

The Observer does not feel at liberty at this time to give all the details connected with the work of thus making the Nebraska state association recognize its responsibility in the matter and pledging itself to take up the fight along broad, vigorous lines. There is much preliminary work to be carried out from now on and those back of the fight want to organize their forces and make certain of their stand before announcing their plans to the public.

When all is told the possibilities that lie in thorough organization and the opportunities presented to us as a class in maintaining our ground against the encroachment of the pure oralists, will be appreciated by the thoughtful. Those who are back of the present movement in the Nebraska case are highly gratified at the suc-

cess so far achieved, and they look forward to still greater successes in the immediate future. Everything seems propitious for that.

DR. DOBYNS RESIGNS.

The deaf everywhere will receive with a feeling of regret the news that Dr. Dobyns has resigned his position as superintendent of the Mississippi school, after a service of some thirty years with that institution. He resigned to accept the presidency of the Western Presbyterian College, of Clarksville, Tenn.

Dr. Dobyns took a deeper interest in the progress of the deaf than the average superintendent, and showed it by his attendance at conventions of the N. A. D., and by giving them a place on the program of the American Teachers of the Deaf Association at one of its recent conventions. He was an earnest advocate of the combined method in the education of the deaf as giving the largest benefit to the largest number.

The committee appointed to investigate and report on the conduct of Mississippi's various state institutions characterized Dr. Dobyns as one of the noblest types of men, and gave him praise such as a state officer seldom receives in these days of muck-raking and criticism.

To fill the unexpired term of two years the governor has appointed Prof. Dobyns, 32 years old, and who has lived nearly all his life among the deaf. There is but little doubt that he will prove a worthy successor to his father.

DOINGS OF THE N. A. D.

In his official communication in the Journal, President J. C. Howard announces the appointment of Roy Stewart, Washington, D. C., as chairman of the moving picture fund committee, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Oscar Regensburg, of Venice, Calif. Mr. Stewart will continue to manage the film rental department.

The membership of the N. A. D. is given out as being close to 1,200, and of this number California alone claims over 300.

This big spurt in the California membership has been largely due to the activity of Messrs. Williams and Howson, which indicates that they already are doing things down that way to make the special convention of the N. A. D. a big success when it assembles in San Francisco next year. Rev. Hasenstab is chairman of the program committee, while a local committee has the entertainment end in charge.

The fight on the Nebraska oral law has not been given up as yet, and President Howard states he has made two trips to Omaha in connection with the matter.

MR. AXLING IN PORTLAND.

P. L. Axling last week accepted a position with the Northwest Farm Press Company as associate editor of its three farm papers, all of which are published in Portland but devoted to the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho respectively. The president of the company, Miller Freeman, resides in Seattle, and when he made his offer he asked that Mr. Axling go to Portland and take charge of some of the departments in the office there. Mr. Axling accepted, resigning his position with the Fuller Publishing Company and leaving for Portland Sunday afternoon. His family remains in Seattle and it is not known when they will move to Portland. It is hardly likely they will move soon, however.

TACOMA NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Seeley and Miss Alice Hammond were week end guests of Mr. Root at his Seattle home, to attend the party he gave Saturday evening, August 29. The others present at the party were: Mr. and Mrs. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. Axling, Miss Steuernagel, Messrs. Partridge, Sackville West and Belser. The affair was in every way a great success and Mr. Root is to be congratulated thereon. Mr. Belser joined the party that was to remain Mr. Root's guests over night, and next day the bunch went to Fauntleroy Park, where they consumed unlimited quantities of sandwiches and cake, etc. The Tacoma party returned home on the 5 o'clock boat.

We were in error in announcing the Lorenzs had moved into a smaller house on the Paulson premises and are glad to say they are still in possession of the larger one.

Tahoma Club is to meet September 19 at the home of the Chas. Hammonds. We hope there will be a full attendance.

Miss Hammond entertained a few friends at a week end party at her sister's Gig Harbor camp Saturday, Sunday and Monday, September 5, 6, 7. Those making up the party were Mr. and Mrs. Bertram, Mrs. Seeley, Messrs. Root and Belser, besides the hostess, Miss Alice, and her sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Garretson, and their two little boys. Saturday evening they gathered around a bonfire on the beach and toasted marshmallows. Sunday they canoed and rowed around the harbor, ate a big chicken dinner, after which Mr. and Mrs. Bertram and Mr. Root returned home, and Mr. Belser and Miss Hammond took Mrs. Seeley canoeing around Gig Harbor, looking for a place where apples could be had without the asking. Failing in that unholy quest, they gathered a row boat full of driftwood for another bonfire, but alas, it began to rain af-

ter supper, and so they had to tell their ghost stories around the air-tight heater of the camp. Next day the weather was very uncertain, but they managed to get a few more hours of canoeing and camping fun. Miss Alice's mother met them at the Point Defiance dock with her new Cadillac and they all anticipated a regular joy ride, but alas, the pavements were wet and the car skidded when taking a sharp curve, damaging one of the wheels to such a degree that the car had to be taken to town for repairs, and the party disbanded. They all realized how fortunate they were to have run amuck of a cement instead of a wooden railing (it was over a very deep gulch), otherwise it would have been a terrible affair and a tragic ending to what was in every other way the jolliest gathering imaginable. As it was, no one was hurt.

MISS HAMMOND IN HOSPITAL.

Miss Myrtle Hammond, whose injury by one of the Sound boats was chronicled in the last issue of The Observer, is now in the Seattle General hospital, where she will probably have to remain several weeks. The doctors found she had a badly fractured hip and it was impossible to get the bone into place without an operation. This was performed last Friday and at last reports she was resting easily. The injury has been very painful, but Miss Hammond is bearing up bravely.

Miss Hammond's mother was in the East at the time of the accident, and did not know anything about it until she returned unexpectedly a few days after it happened. A number of the young lady's friends have called on her at the hospital, and she enjoys having them call.

NOTHING DOING AT THE LABOR DAY PICNIC.

At the last regular meeting of the P. S. A. D., it was decided to hold a picnic on Labor Day at the bathing beach, Alki point, and a general invitation to the deaf to participate was extended. Now that the affair is past we will have to apologize for allowing it to fizzle out instead of carrying it through with the accustomed Seattle spirit. Messrs. Axling and Ladd were appointed a committee to arrange a program for the day, but both gentlemen left for Portland unexpectedly, and it was too late to get up another committee. Another discouraging feature was the weather which was rather chilly and turned to rain early Monday morning.

The usual grumbling against the rain was absent this time, as the rain, light as it was, broke a drouth of 72 days' duration, the longest on record in twenty years.

Towards noon the skies began to

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clear and a few were on hand at the beach with their lunch baskets, and before it was time to return home, some twenty had gathered. Mrs. Koberstein, Mrs. Aarhaus and Alfred Waugh donned bathing suits and taunted the others with, "Come on in, the water's fine," but the challenge was allowed to pass unheeded, even the public in general being contented to gaze upon the few daring bathers.

LOCAL BREVITIES.

Louis Bartl, of Mt. Vernon, was in Seattle Monday to meet friends at the Labor day picnic.

Miss Letha Steuernagel and Willie West returned to Vancouver to resume their studies last Wednesday.

John Bodley, of Chehalis, was a visitor in Seattle Labor day. He spent a couple of days in Tacoma, visiting his little daughter.

Miss Laura Sampson now has a position with the Superior Cracker & Candy Co. as a chocolate dipper and is receiving nice pay.

Mr. and Mrs. Holcomb, and children, of Bremerton, were at the Frat social Saturday evening, and were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Gustin at dinner Sunday.

Frank Kelly, of Port Angeles, was visiting relatives and friends in Seattle last week. He joined the crowd of returning Vancouver students that left Seattle Wednesday morning.

Ben Weiss left last Tuesday for a trip through the northern part of the state, seeking new fields to dispose of his key ring tags. He was unable to find steady employment in Seattle.

Mr. and Mrs. Rudy Stuht, of Bremerton, were in attendance at the Frat social Saturday evening. Mr. Stuht says his houseboat is nearing completion and things will soon be shipshape for receiving visitors.

Rev. Fedder held services for the deaf last Sunday at the church, East Union street and Twenty-second avenue. About fifteen were in attendance. The next regular services will be the first Sunday in October.

Out-of-town visitors taking in the monthly meeting of the Frats were John Thomas, of McMillan; George Ecker, of Whites, and Ray Foster and Maurice Miller, of Tacoma. Mr. Ecker intends to move to Seattle if there is any chance of securing work.

Carl Garrison, of Camano, and Miss Bessie Maguire, of Port Angeles, were visiting friends in Seattle the past

few days. They took in the Frat social Saturday evening. Mr. Garrison's mother is a patient in a Seattle hospital as the result of an accident to her foot.

Ernest and Charles Frederickson, of Stanwood, were in town this week. Ernest was on his way to Vancouver, but Charles returned to Stanwood, where he conducts a shoe repairing shop. He says business has been fair this summer, but expects it to pick up this fall.

Seth Ladd left for Portland last week. He will look over a piece of real estate there and decide if the time is ripe to improve it with a dwelling. He will then go on to Baker City, where he has considerable property interests. Later he expects to return to Seattle and again take up his residence with his daughter.

Lee Brown, of Dayton, in renewing his subscription to the Observer, sends the information that Isaac Ward, age 65 and deaf, of Winchester, Idaho, was killed near Endicott, Wash., when the wagon in which he was driving was struck by an O.-W. R. R. train. Mr. Ward and family were going to drive overland to Oklahoma to take up a homestead, but other particulars in regard to Mr. Ward were lacking.

Miss Myrtle Hammond, who is now at the Seattle General hospital as the result of a launch accident, an account of which was given in the last issue of the Observer, was operated upon last week, and the dislocated hip bones pulled back into place. Miss Hammond has been resting nicely since the operation and it is expected she will be able to leave the hospital in about four weeks.

CAN JIMMY COME BACK?

He surely can, in this direction at least, for after several weeks in Chicago, wrestling with various heavy and lightweight fonts in a Chicago job office, with Mrs. Meagher he left on Sept. 1 for Vancouver, by way of Denver, Colorado Springs, Salt Lake City and San Francisco.

Jimmy has been burdening Uncle Sam's mails for some time with the announcement of his intended "come-back" and we quote from one of his samples:

"We are, am, will, is, must be leaving for God's country tomorrow. I tells the natives, I does, there ain't no spot on earth can't compare to Seattle and Plug-it Sund. Some of 'em is coming west next summer to see if I be a liar. Jimmy."

THE EDITOR IN PORTLAND.

The time between the receiving of my offer from the Northwest Farm Press Company to work on its three publications and my departing for Portland was all too short for me to meet the many friends in and around Seattle and bid them good bye. I left Seattle Sunday afternoon and was in Portland before midnight, putting up at the Hotel Washington. The next day being Labor Day, it was not possible to see many of my Portland friends. I dropped in at the office of the company and discussed a number of matters with the editor and manager, but did not remain much of the time.

Called later in the day at 404 Railway Exchange building, which is the Portland office of the Fuller Publishing Company, and had a visit with W. A. Scott, the gentleman in charge. I had expected to meet my brother there, but unfortunately he was out of the city and has not returned yet. His wife and boy are with him at Gervais, but I had word from them they will be back soon and for me to take possession of their house and make myself at home. This I shall do.

I ran across Seth Ladd twice in Portland, he being delayed a couple of days. Since Monday I have been too busy to attempt finding many of the deaf, but have run across quite a few. Mr. Swangren called at my office Monday evening. Today I met Emery E. Vinson at lunch, and soon after Mrs. W. F. Schneider caught me on the street and asked at least a hundred and one questions. Others whom I have met are O. H. Fay, Mr. Jorg and Mr. Kautz, as well as two or three others whose names I do not recall.

The Portland deaf have arranged to make a call on Mrs. Metcalf and show her their appreciation of the many kindnesses she is bestowing upon them. The affair is to occur Friday evening, and I have been asked to add my humble presence.

When leaving Seattle Mr. and Mrs. Hanson gave me a message for Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Linde, who now reside here, but up to this evening, Wednesday, I have been unable to deliver it. However, I am quite sure of meeting them Friday evening, if not sooner, and also a large number of others well known by the deaf of Seattle. Mr. Linde is employed at the Daily Journal linotype room, and I am told he is very much satisfied with his "sit." The Portland deaf speak highly of the Lindes. Mrs. Linde, it will be remembered, was Miss Mabel Scanlan, Everett and Seattle.

I have seen no one from the Vancouver contingent, but am planning to run over there before long and see how they all are.

In future issues I hope to have something interesting to relate about the Portlanders, and will try to weld a bond of strong fellowship between the Seattle, Portland and Vancouver deaf.

P. L. AXLING.

ENTERTAINED BY W. S. ROOT.

W. S. Root entertained a number of his friends at his home on 32nd avenue, near Madison street, the evening of August 29, more than a dozen being present, among them the following: Mr. and Mrs. O. Hanson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Bertram, Tacoma, Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Axling, Mrs. E. Seeley and Miss Alice Hammond, Tacoma; Miss Letha Steurnagel and Messrs. True Partridge, Lawrence Belser and J. A. Sackville-West. A number of new games were indulged, in after which the crowd sat down to a bounteous repast, consisting of sandwiches, coffee, ice cream, cake and fruits. Mr. Belser next took a flashlight picture of the assembly. The guests departed at midnight.

The next day Mr. Root took the Tacoma contingent, with a few from Seattle, to Fauntleroy Park and other points near by, bringing them back to town in time for the Tacomans to take the 5 o'clock boat home.

SOCIAL GIVEN BY FRATS.

The party given last Saturday evening by the Seattle division of the National Fraternal Society of the Deaf was a well attended and enjoyable affair, the society adding a little to its treasury. The business meeting of the Frats was held before the social part was started, being attended by all the resident members who could be on hand and by several outside members.

In all about forty were present, and those who were so disposed had the opportunity of playing cards. Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, fruits, coffee, ice cream and cake were provided. The time went so fast that part of the program had to be dispensed with.

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